

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to add a provision to allow collection agencies to collect incidental charges included in the contract between the creditor and the debtor. Additionally, the legislation makes the licensing process for collection agents, debt counselors, credit counselors, and credit repair entities similar to other entities licensed by the Idaho Department of Finance by requiring the use of a nationwide system of licensing and allowing for reinstatement of expired applications. Further, the legislation removes branch registration requirements and extends licensing requirements to branch locations and increases license and renewal application fees. Finally, the legislation eliminates quarterly agent reporting requirements and the associated fees for quarterly reporting.

FISCAL NOTE

The proposed legislation increases license and renewal application fees collected by the Department, as well as extending licensing requirements to branch locations, while also eliminating quarterly reporting requirements and associated fees, applicable to persons licensed under the Idaho Collection Agency Act. The fiscal impact to the Idaho Department of Finance State Regulatory Fund (FIAA) is an estimated loss of \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2021.

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